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Cholera, yellow fever, plague, smallpox, etc.—Continued.

SMALLPOX—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Turkey:				
Constantinople.....	Jan. 10-Feb. 6.....		53	
	Feb. 28-May 8.....		94	
Uruguay:				
Montevideo.....	Dec. 25-Mar. 19.....	5		
	May 1-May 7.....		1	
	June 19-June 26.....	1		
	July 9-July 16.....	2		
Venezuela:	July 30-Aug. 6.....	1		
Caracas.....	June 7-July 25.....			More than 150 cases in the city.
Puerto Cabello.....	Apr. 2-Apr. 11.....	23	6	Smallpox increasing, June 7, 1898.
Valencia.....	Apr. 2-Apr. 11.....	54		July 23, about 1,000 cases.
Wales:	To Aug. 21.....	2,000	600	
Cardiff.....	Dec. 18-Dec. 24.....	1		

Current quarantine measures.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, September 28, 1898.]

NETHERLANDS.—The royal order of July 27, 1895, in regard to protection from contagious diseases, was repeated August 24, 1898. The measures of protection therein formulated are made to extend to plague, and are in conformity with the measures prescribed by the Venice Conference of March 19, 1897.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—According to advices of September 1, the Government of Bombay has issued three orders relative to measures—(I) against outgoing vessels; (II) against incoming vessels, and (III) measures applicable to Bombay.

The measures for incoming vessels went into force September 1; those relative to outgoing vessels were to be put in force from some date thereafter to be named. The measures relative to Bombay are already in operation.

I. OUTGOING VESSELS.

No vessel shall leave the port without official certificate that the master, crew, and passengers have been examined on land, by daylight, and have been found free from plague. In the case of a vessel which starts on its voyage without having held communication with the city, the medical inspection shall be confined to those persons who have shipped from Bombay. Foreign consuls are invited to be present at such examination.

Plague suspects and their effects are prohibited shipment. On order from the competent authorities they will be held under supervision and their effects disinfected. This action shall be noted in the ship's papers.

After the issuance of sanitary certificates no further admissions of passengers or merchandise shall be permitted.

The medical inspection shall take place between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

If the vessel sets sail after 6 o'clock in the morning, a second examination must be made. This shall take place on the vessel itself only in case no communication has been held between the vessel and the shore.

II. INCOMING VESSELS.

The captain of any vessel which arrives from an infected port, or which has held any communication other than verbal or by signal with a vessel from a plague-infected country, or which has plague on board or on which there were cases of plague twelve days before arrival, shall make the required quarantine signals by day or night.

All communication other than verbal with the shore or other vessels is prohibited except in the case of the pilot or port officials.

Every vessel destined to Bombay shall be inspected and if found to be clean shall be permitted to unlade.

The same holds good for vessels touching at Bombay. Should such vessels be declared unclean, no communication with the shore or with other vessels shall be permitted without authority from the health authorities.

Inspection of vessels shall in all cases take place between sunrise and sunset.

Plague vessels, or vessels which have had plague cases on board during the twelve days before their arrival, shall be subject to the following rules:

(1) The sick shall be landed and at their own cost placed under regular medical care.

(2) Persons not sick shall be removed from the vessel for the purpose of medical supervision. Persons indispensable to the service of the vessel shall be allowed to remain on board under supervision.

(3) Suspicious articles shall be disinfected.

(4) The vessel shall take on fresh water and pump out the bilge water.

(5) The vessel shall be thoroughly disinfected.

(6) After fulfillment of these requirements, the vessel shall haul down quarantine signals.

Vessels which are suspect, that is to say, vessels on which plague cases occurred at the time of departure or during the voyage, but on which there has been no plague cases within twelve days of arrival, are subject to the following measures:

Passengers and crew shall be examined and thereafter be subject to rules 3 and 6 of measures for infected vessels. Crowded vessels shall be treated as suspicious.

A vessel which refuses to comply with these requirements may leave the port; but if it has begun to unlade it shall be held subject to the measures stated above.

III. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOMBAY PROPER.

(1) As regards the treatment of plague in Bombay, the carrying out of the order prepared under direction of the Government, which in this case is represented by the plague commission, is in the hands of the municipal commissioner of the city. The municipal commissioner has the authority to appoint officers, to inspect suspected localities, and apply such measures as he judges necessary; to overlook the water supply; to order inspection and disinfection of houses in which plague cases occur; to order the demolition of buildings when circumstances require it, and to destroy all articles capable of conveying infection. The police authorities are directed to cooperate with the sanitary authorities in carrying out such measures as are required.